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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETINGS.

FORT WILLIAMS BAPTIST CHURCH, }
September 16th, 1880. }

Messengers to compose the Forty-Seventh Session of Coosa River Association met this day with the Fort Williams Baptist Church at Fayetteville, Talladega county, Alabama.

11 O'Clock, A. M.—Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. P. Gwin. Text 1st Cor. 3d chap., 9th verse. Intermission of one hour.

1:30 P. M.—Re-assembled to organize. Devotional exercises conducted by Abner Williams, the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. D. Quarles, of Carey Association.

By request, Elder Samuel Henderson and Bro. W. P. McKellar read the letters presented by the churches, and Messengers names were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Cold Water—M. D. C. Spradley, Wesley Hallman.

Sulphur Springs—Letter.

Antioch—S. G. Jenkins, Wm. Bigby.

Salem—Joshua Haynes.

Oxford—T. P. Gwin, J. S. Kelly, Clark Snow, Abner Williams.

Jacksonville—No Letter.

Post Oak Spring—A. J. Cross, E. J. Andrews.

Mt. Zion (Calhoun)—S. E. Dowdell, W. S. Griffin, Ed. J. Dean.

Oak Bowery—Letter.

Cane Creek—Chas. Martin.

Munford—A. W. McCain, J. E. Camp, R. C. Cannon, G. C. Wright.

Weaver's Station—J. H. Fite.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Blue Eye—Letter.

Talladega—J. J. D. Renfroe, A. W. McGaha, J. M. Solley, W. R. Hillsman.

Union—John W. McCain, M. W. Beavers.

Ferryville—Letter.

Refuge—Jabez Hall.

Pleasant Grove—Jas. K. Elliott, E. H. Ogletree.

Alpine—Samuel Henderson, Samuel Welch, Philip N. Duncan.

Hephzibah—J. M. Mills, C. R. Cross, J. K. P. Jones, F. G. Mullen.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Pilgrim's Rest—E. Haywood, J. D. Matthews.

Fort Williams—W. M. Waters, T. J. Law, M. W. Borum, W. T. Killabrew.

Tallassahatchie—W. H. Parrott, H. D. Moore, S. B. Glazener, Wm. Edwards.

Childersburg—D. B. Oden, K. J. Thomas, W. P. McKellar.

Mt. Zion (Talladega)—W. Wilkes, B. M. Fluker, Geo. S. Ham, H. G. Darby, P. H. Malone, Jas. L. Wilkes.

Mt. Sharon—H. J. Coleman, Joel Hammett, W. B. Hammett.

Rocky Mount—T. W. Barnett, W. E. Luker.

Shelving Rock (new)—A. J. Sheppard, J. W. Thompson.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Harpersville—H. C. Phillips.

Spring Creek—S. J. Thompson.

Macedonia—A. M. Posey, Milton Clinkscales.

Coosa Valley—Lealis Law, Ignatius Purcell, J. C. Harris.

Wilsonville—F. M. Pitts.

Abner Williams, Moderator, pro. tem., announced the election of officers in order.

Elders E. B. Teague, of Shelby Association, and D. S. Duffy, of Liberty Association, acted as tellers during the election.

Pending the election Bro. Jas. L. Wilkes declined re-election as Clerk, urging the pressing nature of future business engagements.

Bro. Abner Williams was elected Moderator, Lealis Law Clerk, and Bro. Jas. K. Elliott Treasurer.

On motion of Clerk-elect, Bro. Jas. L. Wilkes was elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Elder J. J. D. Renfroe, an order of business in possession of the Moderator was read, and it, being satisfactory to the body, was adopted.

Churches desiring fellowship with this Association were invited to present overtures to that effect whereupon Shelving Rock Church, Talladega county, Alabama, presented letter and funds, and promised conformity to abstract of principles held and set forth by this body.

On motion, said Church was received and her messengers, Brethren A. J. Sheppard and J. W. Thompson being present, the Moderator, through them extended the hand of fellowship to said church.

The Moderator caused the Rules of Decorum to be read. An invitation to correspondents and visitors was responded to by Elders J. D. Quarles and John Garrett from Carey Association; Elder D. S. Duffy from Liberty Association; Elder E. B. Teague from Shelby Association.

The Moderator appointed a committee on preaching, consisting of the Pastor and Deacons of Fort Williams Church and Brethren C. R. Cross and Ed. J. Dean.

On motion of Elder W. Wilkes, preaching during the meeting of the Association, except on the Sabbath, to be only at night.

The hours of meeting and adjourning fixed as follows:

Meet at 9 A. M.; adjourn at 12 M. Meet at 1 P. M.; adjourn at 4 P. M.

The Finance Committee was appointed: D. B. Oden, J. E. Camp, Chas. Martin.

4 P. M., adjourned to meet Friday.

9 A. M. prayer by Elder Quarles.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17TH, 1880., 9 A. M.

Association met. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Steely.

Bro. James Headen, Chairman of Indigent Ministers' Fund Committee and Bro. W. R. Stone, a member of same committee presented their resignation through Bro. C. R. Cross. Resignations accepted and a committee of five was appointed to fill vacancies in Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund; said committee consisting of C. R. Cross, J. J. D. Renfroe, Samuel Henderson, A. W. McCain and H. D. Moore.

Dr. J. T. Murfree, President of the Howard College, being present was invited to a seat in his official capacity.

Returned correspondence to:

Tallassahatchie Association—E. T. Smythe, S. G. Jenkins, T. P. Gwin, J. B. Mynatt.

Cahawba Valley—L. Law, S. J. Thompson, I. Purcell, P. Castleberry.

Boiling Springs—S. G. Jenkins, Wm. Bigby

Carey—Geo. S. Ham, W. Wilkes.

Shelby—W. Wilkes, S. Henderson, S. J. Thompson, Larkin Waters, T. P. Gwin.

Appointed messengers to State Convention: W. Wilkes, L. Law, S. Henderson, W. S. Griffin, J. J. D. Renfroe, E. T. Smythe, Ed. J. Dean, Jas. K. Elliott, C. R. Cross, Jas. L. Wilkes, Jno. M. Mills, T. P. Gwin, Abner Williams.

The report of committee on Sabbath schools not being ready owing to the absence of the Chairman, Bro. W. P. McKellar was appointed chairman to report on Saturday,

and Brethren Ed. J. Dean and A. W. McGaha were added to the committee.

The regular order of business was suspended to hear Elder S. G. Jenkins in reference to aid for a young minister, Elder J. G. Nail. Contributions were made by the body for his relief in the purchase of books to the extent of \$15.70 cash and books donated to the value of \$9.25. Elder S.G.Jenkins to direct the contributions according to his judgment.

Elders J. K. Steely and L. H. Hasty, of Central Association, were invited to seats as corresponding members.

The Executive Committee reported as follows:

"Your committee beg leave to report that the station established at Dry Creek, and occupied for two years by Elder W. S. Griffin, has been abandoned by your committee from the fact that a church was organized in the immediate neighborhood last October. We know nothing definitely of the church since its organization. The station in the Dark corner has been kept up during the past year by Elder Wm. S. Griffin. He reports regular monthly services, good congregations, and much interest manifested, and thinks preaching should be continued at this point. He reports eleven days' services since last September. There has been recently a station established at Ham's school house, near Fulton Gap, 8 miles from Childersburg and 7 miles from Fayetteville, which will be occupied by Elder W. Wilkes. Other places within the bounds of the association might be profitably occupied but for the difficulty of getting a suitable preacher. We think that much good could be done by a suitable man being occasionally sent to preach the Gospel to colored people in the bounds of the association. Your committee wish to be advised in reference to this matter, also in the matter of aiding feeble churches in sustaining their pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. CROSS, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and the committee were instructed to supplement the salary of the pastor of Shelling Rock church and other weak churches at their discretion.

Executive Committee reported:

C. R. Cross in ac. with Ex. Com. of Coosa River Association.
To balance on hand Sept. 1879 \$ 77.20
Am't rec'd from J. L. Wilkes, clerk of Ass'n, Sept. '80 50.00

\$127.20

Sept., 1880. By cash paid W S. Griffin for missionary services the past association year 20.00

Balance on hand Sept. 17, 1880..... \$107.50
C. R. CROSS, Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

Committee on Education reported:

The education of the youth of our land is a necessity, from the fact that civilization and christianity are aided and greatly influenced by its progress. While it has not reached that degree of excellence that we might desire, yet we are gratified to know that all grades of society are being materially benefitted by the increased and growing interest in its extension, and the adoption of plans which approach more nearly to its perfection. A vast number of schools under the management of industrious and efficient teachers are springing up in every town, village and community, which by the aid of State offer very great advantages to all classes. Apart from general school facilities, each denomination has its separate institutions, which are supported almost exclusively by their own denomination. The Baptists of Alabama can boast of Howard College, Judson Institute and Alabama Central Female College, three as fine institutions as there are in the State. They are self-sustaining and compete very favorably with any endowed colleges in the South. It is a lamentable fact that the Baptists do not adhere strictly to the principle of supporting their own institutions after the denomination has erected them at so great an expense. Why is it that her members send their sons and daughters to other colleges? These institutions belong to the Baptists and we should feel an individual interest in them and in their support, especially since the former furnishes the only opportunity that most of our young ministers can avail themselves of in procuring anything that approaches a theological education.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. McGAHA.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned in usual order till 1:30 P. M.

1:30 O'CLOCK. P. M.

Body re-assembled. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Elder E. B. Teague.

Committee on Family Religion reported:

The importance of the subject has been argued over and over again. Its wide spread neglect has been and is yet greatly deplored. Its observance has been urged by a thousand reasons: whether any improvement has been effected is difficult to determine. This report is directed mainly to the hindrances and helps to this duty.

1st. One hindrance is to be found in paternal pride—a also pride of manhood. to appear manly in their fami-

lies is the silly notion of many fathers. They can hardly reconcile their view of manliness with the humility of bowing in prayer with children. In their view there is a sort of cowardliness in such a practice. Their depraved sense of bravery is slow to submit to such undignified childishness. No wider mistakes was ever made, for, a man's wife and children regard him the manliest of men who can man himself for duty and command a part of his time for the worship of God with them.

2d. A second hindrance attaches to wives. If the woman is to be a helpmeet for the man anywhere, surely here is the place. She is little aware of her influence at this point. Her want of sympathy and congeniality is full of evil. Thousands of men on a balance as to this duty have been decided adversely by negligent wives. Few Christian men can resist the influence of a faithful wife who goes in advance to light the candle and place the Bible on the stand for family devotion. Equally few can surmount the indifference of a wife in this matter. She is justly to be inferred as disinclined to this duty who never in any way gives an expression or indication in favor of it. Nor are the children ever so favorably impressed by the father's prayers when not convinced of the mother's co-operation in the worship.

3d. A third hindrance is to be found in a perverted parental affection. Parents generally are fond of alluding to their love for their children, as proven by their sacrifices and self-denial in their temporal interests. But the parental love which does not embrace the highest regard and tenderest concern for the salvation of their children is open to doubt and criticism. They who neglect prayers for their children, and who fail to exhibit a consistent Christian examples before them, can never have a scriptural claim to the *reality* of true parental affection. We waive attention to the helps to this duty and all resolutions commanding the simple suggestions of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WILKES, Chairman.

Committee on State Missions reported:

In submitting a report on State Missions, your committee will first call the attention of the Association and the churches to the fact that the plan underwent important changes at the last session of our State Convention, and the scope of the Board's work was enlarged; and there is, therefore, a corresponding increase of its responsibilities. These changes contemplated "that the entire missionary work, State, Home and Foreign, and the collection of funds for the beneficiaries of Howard College and for the maintenance of theological students in the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary in the State of Alabama be entrusted to the "State Board;" and that collections for these objects be sent through the State Board, except in cases where the contributors prefer to remit in the former direct way; and in the cases, it is desired that amounts will be reported to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Board in order that an accurate report of the amount of the whole liberality of the denomination may be made to the Convention. This plan, it will be observed, makes the State Board the organized agent of all Baptist Missions and Ministerial Education in Alabama and it is consequently the duty of the Board and its Secretary to do what they can to advance the interests of these causes. And the Convention and the Board request the co-operation of all pastors and the churches and associations throughout the State by adopting plans for systematic efforts to raise money for their objects.

The State Board is furthermore charged with the inauguration of a system of Colportage; and with the attempt to do some evangelistic work among the colored people. It already has one active colporteur at work in southeast Alabama. The State Mission work proper as to the form of the fields, the nature of appointments to be made, the number of the missionaries, and the nature of the contract as to remuneration of missionaries is left to the discretion of the Board.

The location of the Board was changed from Talladega to Selma with Rev. W. C. Cleavland, D. D., as President and Rev. T. M. Bailey, of Marion, as corresponding Secretary.

Twenty-two evangelists were at work part or all of their time during the past year; and there are nearly that number in the field at this time. In the main, these brethren have been pretty well supported. The sum of \$5475.38 has been raised and dispersed in State Missions during the last conventional year. No one could have witnessed the spirit with which the last convention took hold of this work without seeing that it has a powerful hold on the heart of the Baptists of Alabama. Nearly all the ministers who were present, subscribed their names to a paper pledging themselves to bring the subject before their congregations and raise collections for the work, and for all the objects mentioned above. And the laymen were equally earnest in their promises of co-operation.

Your committee are in position to know that the State Board seriously regret that they have been unable during the past year to secure the services of an evangelist for the district which embraces the Coosa River Association. Several appointments were made which were declined and nearly all ministers within the district have been con-

sulted, but, up to the present time no one has indicated a willingness to accept the work. We are informed that the Board still expects to secure a suitable missionary for the field.

At a Board meeting in Selma early after the Convention it was resolved to try to raise during this Conventional year:

For the Home Board at Marion,..... \$4,000.00
 For the Foreign Board at Richmond,..... 2,000.00
 For the State Board..... 8,000.00
 which, if obtained, will make the sum of \$14,000.00.

Surely this is not too much to expect of the Baptists of this great State of Alabama.

We notice in an address sent out by the Board, that it thought proper to indicate what was supposed to be the reasonable quota of the various associations and we find that, it is suggested that the quota of the Coosa River Association is for the cause of State Missions,..... \$483.20
 For the Home Board,..... 241.60
 For the Foreign Board,..... 120.80
 For Ministerial Education,..... 225.00

Total for the four objects,..... \$1,070.60

The question which we now submit is, what is to be the response of this body and its churches and pastors? Is it not our pleasure and within our power to raise \$483.20 for State Missions? Will we not to-day and continually maintain our position in line with the Baptist Convention of Alabama and its enterprises?

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. D. RENFROE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Pledges were taken for evangelistic work in this Association:

Alpine Church (\$25 of the am't for T. M. Bailey,)	.....	\$50.00
Talladega Church.....		25.00
Mt. Zion Church (Calhoun,)	.....	20.00
Munford Church		10.00
Harpersville Church		25.00
Spring Creek Church.....		10.00
Pleasant Grove Church		5.00
Coosa Valley Church.....		12.50
Childersburg Church.....		10.00
Union Church		5.00
J. T. Kelly		5.00
M. D. C. Spradley		2.50
Wesley Hallman.....		2.00
 Total.....		 \$182.00

Elder W. Wilkes offered the following resolution and recommendations:

Resolved, That this Association most earnestly appeal to the churches in our bounds for an increase of their contributions in support of our missionary enterprises. To aid in this the following plan is recommended:

1st. Let each church decide in conference what particular object or objects she mostly cherishes and prefers to support whether Foreign Missions, State Missions Indian Missions, Home Missions, Associational or beneficiary education in Howard College or all of these.

2^d. Let public collections be taken quarterly, on communion day if convenient, always preceded by an announcement for what particular object the collection is to be taken.

3^d. Let the funds so collected lodge in the hands of the church clerk (or another selected) to be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Board (or to be directed otherwise at the pleasure of each church) so as to reach the purpose for which the collection was made.

4th. Let each collection be reported at the next succeeding conference as part of the minutes of the preceding conference, and so registered on the church book.

5th. Let an annual report be made in the letters to the Association of the total collections thus made for the year.

Resolution adopted and recommendations concurred in. The Association then adjourned till 9 A. M., Saturday Prayer by Elder S. G. Jenkins.

SATURDAY, Sept. 18, 1880, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association assembled. Devotions conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Carden.

Minutes of Thursday and Friday read, amended and approved.

Committee on Sabbath schools reported:

The committee, appointed on yesterday to make a report on Sunday schools within the bounds of this Association, beg leave to submit the following: It might reasonably be expected that the church letters to the Association would furnish the data for this report. Upon examining the letters your committee find that 10 churches report no school; 3, weak schools; 13, good schools; 6, evergreen flourishing schools; and only one, the Childersburg church furnishes full statistics. Judging from these facts the churches composing this body must place a very low estimate upon the Sunday school cause, or else are criminally negligent in the performance of duty.

Your committee would deem it an insult to the intelligence of this body to offer an argument in favor of the

importance and value of Sunday schools. It may be that many of the churches deem it unnecessary to make detailed reports to this body inasmuch as they have recently made the same to the county Sunday school convention.

But your committee would urgently recommend that all churches send complete reports to the Association. To aid in this work the committee would suggest the following form of report:

OFFICERS:

Superintendent.....	
Assistant superintendent.....	
Secretary and treasurer	
Number of teachers.....	Male..... Female.....
Number of pupils, infant class.....	
" " " " Primary class.....	
" " " " Intermediate class.....	
" " " " Bible class.....	
Total number of pupils.....	
Average attendance.....	
Meetings, whether monthly, semi-monthly or weekly.	
Plan of instruction. Song book used.	
Expenses of the school.....	
Contributions.....	
Number of conversions from the school.....	
Number of volumes in library.....	
Paper or papers taken.....	

The representative bodies of our denomination have been laboring for years to get up full and reliable statistics upon this important branch of christian work. The churches alone can furnish this information.

The time of labor required to do the work, to furnish the information wanted, when compared with the results are too insignificant to be considered.

In view of the whole subject your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That no church can do its whole duty, and at the same time fail to maintain a Sunday school.

Resolved 2^d. That the churches of this Association are earnestly urged to greater diligence and to adopt the form of report herein recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. MCKELLAR, chm'n.

Report and resolutions were adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported:

The committee appointed to supervise the support of a ministerial student in Howard College, report that Bro. B. F. Giles, a licentiate of the Harpersville church was selected by us. It was only necessary to pay his expenses for the last term of the session, as we found that he was able to support himself for the first term. The pledges made

at the last session of this body for this object have all been redeemed except about twenty dollars. A member of the committee visited several churches in the month of January and raised a sufficient sum to complete the necessary amount. We paid to the College for the last term, \$71.50 to meet the claims of that Institution on Bro. Giles. In addition to this we paid ten dollars to his private wants making in all \$81.50. All the information we have satisfies us that Bro. Giles is in every way worthy of our support. He is now teaching school to pay the expenses of the first term of the next session at College. We believe that we cannot do better for the present than to continue our support of this young brother. And as Howard College has no endowment, it is important and was so urged by our State Convention, that in raising funds to support young ministers in that Institution, we should secure a sufficient amount to pay their tuition also. As things now are, the faculty of the College are educating our young preachers. And as we have other worthy young ministers in our bounds who are unable to support themselves at school, it is a question which we submit, whether we cannot do more for this cause than the half support of the one we now have in hand. In conformity to the suggestions of the last State Convention, it has been estimated that the churches of this Association should raise \$225 for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. D. RENFROE, Chmn.

Pending the adoption of the report, Dr. J. M. Murfree, President of the Howard College, addressed the Association on the subject of ministerial education.

The report was adopted, and pledges for the support of young men preparing for the ministry taken as follows:

C. R. Cross.....	\$ 5.00.	Paid.	J. R. Nix.....	5.00
Ed. J. Dean.....	5.00.	"	Miss Sallie Oden.....	1.00
F. M. Pitts	1.00.	"	J. M. Nix.....	5.00
Chas. Martin....	5.00.	"	C. Boaz.....	.25
Edmund Ogletree	2.00.	"	J. M. Mills .....	.50
Lealia Law	5.00.	"	A. W. McCain	1.00
P. H. Malone .....	.50.	"	Abner Williams	5.00
Mrs. Russell .....	.25.	"	J. Stonecypher.....	2.00
Miss S. F. Mynatt	.25.	"	G. S. Ham.....	5.00
J. M. Hendrix...	1.00.	"	W. P. McKellar.....	5.00
S. W. Welch.....	.25.	"	J. M. Solley	1.00
Mrs. J. Killabrew	.25.	"	Mrs. S. M. Averitt..	5.00
J. H. R. Carden ..	.25.	"	Jas. L. Wilkes.....	5.00
T. J. Tabb	5.00.		Harpersville Church	20.00
W. Wilkes.....	5.00.		Talladega Church..	10.00
B. M. Fluker	5.00.		Munford Church..	5.00
J. S. Kelly.....	5.00.			
H. G. Darby	5.00.		Total.....	\$126.50

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

To argue the subject of Foreign Missions at this day is a useless task. We all admit the obligation, for of all the settled questions in the whole range of practical Christianity that which arises out of the grand commission is the most settled, and all of the heresies that ever emasculated the piety of its manhood and doomed it to decay, that heresy that opposes missions to the heathen and to the destitute is the most fatal. What is needed in our churches is a practical creed that shall correspond with our doctrinal creed.

If we as a denomination were as consistent in practice as we are in theory on the mission question—if we would carry out in fact what we profess in principle—if our alms would uniformly accompany our prayers—then, our missionaries in distant lands would be numbered by hundreds where they are now numbered by tens. It is a question whether that doctrine or that duty is worth believing or recognizing that bears no fruit in the lives of those who profess either the one or the other. In a word, if profession and practice, doctrine and duty, saying and doing were so virtually bound together as that the one could not exist without the other, the Christian religion would soon take the world. Among consistent Christians foreign missions must always fill an essential place in their philanthropic enterprises. The authority that enforces this obligation is nothing less or more than that which established the kingdom of Heaven on earth, and subordinates all other agencies and events to its advancement. The same lips that "speak and it was done, that commanded and it stood fast," says to us "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature":— So that, until the "kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ," the obligation to obey our "marching orders" will be as imperative as Omnipotence can make them. To question this is to question the great central duty that binds us to Christ and to our fellow men; to disregard it is an act of disloyalty to the King of Zion, that admits of no mitigation. No Christian, whether minister or layman, male or female can withhold his or her contributions to this cause without the violation of a palpable admitted obligation that binds us all to the highest and noblest service our profession involves—a service that expresses the sublimest faith in Christ, and exhibits the holiest intensest love to man. That Christianity that leaves out these elements is not worth professing.

In the light of these facts we raise three questions.

1ST. What is that Christianity worth that contents it self to "say and do not?"

2ND. What is the ministry worth to churches that fails on proper occasions to impress the most important com-

in and that ever fell from thee lips of our ascended Lord?
 3RD. May we hope that during the coming year an opportunity at least will be offered by our pastors, or otherwise, for every member of every church in our bounds to do something for Foreign Missions.

In estimating the pro rata share of \$2,000 for Foreign Missions in Alabama this year, the Convention asks this body for \$120. Can we not raise this and more?

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENDERSON, Chm'n.

Pending discussion of report, Elder J. H. Carden, of Shelby Association, was invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Elder J. J. D. Renfroe, *Resolved*, That a collection be taken to-morrow at the close of the 11 A. M. services at the different places, of public worship—said collection to be directed to Foreign Missions.

On motion of Elder Wilkes, Elder J. J. D. Renfroe was appointed to collect and give direction to funds contributed for ministerial education.

Bro. C. R. Gross, Chairman of Special Committee to nominate officers and members of Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund, reported:

For President of Board, John W. Bishop; Treasurer, Wm. Stringer; Wm. A. Welch, Jas. K. Elliott, Jas. Kelly.

Report adopted, and nominations concurred in.

On motion of Elder W. Wilkes, that the Association respectfully instruct the Board of Trustees of the I. M. Fund to request the Treasurer to give bond as treasurer.

Adjourned till 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Elder J. H. Carden.

SATURDAY, Oct. 18, 1880, 1:30 P. M.

Association re-assembled. Devotional services conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. J. D. Renfroe.

On motion of Elder L. Law, *Resolved*, That this Association will encourage any well directed movement which may attempt to circulate within our bounds a wisely selected Baptist literature. And we renew our urgent recommendation of the "Alabama Baptist" to the Baptists within our territory.

Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions reported:

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Marion in this State, still holds a vast moral claim on the liberality and active sympathy of the Baptists of the Coosa River Association. It is the duty, so far as lies within its power, to sustain the preaching of the Gospel in destitute regions of the whole South, to sus-

tain our missions among the Indians on the west of Arkansas and a mission to the Chinese in the State of California. In the destitution in various cities and the regions of the South, this Board has through its entire history, done a great work, and there are yet vast fields to be occupied by it. The work is attended with great prosperity among the Indians, and the Chinese Mission is of a hopeful and promising character. We and all our churches should bear a liberal part in the support of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. D. RENFROE, Chm'n.

Pending discussion, collections were taken for Home Mission Board. Result, \$16.60.

Report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the standing committees:

STATE MISSIONS.

S. Henderson,
W. S. Griffin,
M. W. Beavers.

HOME MISSIONS.

E. T. Smythe,
T. P. Gwin,
Z. Henderson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. J. D. Renfroe,
S. G. Jenkins,
F. M. Pitts.

FAMILY RELIGION.

W. W. Kidd,
B. F. Giles,
Paul Castleberry.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Ed. J. Dean,
A. W. McGaha,
H. C. Pope.

EDUCATION.

W. P. McKellar,
Saml. Welch,
F. G. Mullen.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

W. Wilkes,
John W. Bishop,
Geo. C. Wright.

EX. COM. C. R. A.

C. R. Cross,
Jno. Henderson,
J. H. Joiner,
W. R. Stone,
Jno. Ware.

PROV. COM. I. M. FUND.

C. R. Cross,
B. M. Kluker,
J. B. Mynatt,
A. W. Bell.

ON TEMPERANCE.

J. L. Wilkes,
T. W. Barnett,
H. C. Phillips.

TRUSTEES I. M. FUND.

John W. Bishop,
Wm. Stringer,
Wm. A. Welch,
Jas. K. Elliott,
Jas. Kelly.

Finance Committee reported:

On motion, the report of Finance Committee to include all collections made during this meeting and the clerk in make out the minutes to make the necessary alterations.

Adopted.

Treasurer presented his report:

1879. James K. Elliott, To Coosa River Association, Dr. Sept. 15. To cash received of Finance Committee

for Minutes.....	\$ 72.75
For the Indigent Ministers' Fund.....	29.50
Domestic Mission Board.....	14.05
Foreign " "	19.85
State " "	86.85
Associational.....	1.00
Jenkins' Fund.....	50.00
For T. M. Bailey.....	25.00
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	\$299.00

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Sept. 15. By cash paid Abner Williams for Domestic Missions as per voucher No. 1.....\$ 13.55
 By cash paid W. Wilkes, District Evangelist as per voucher No. 2..... 13.00
 By cash paid S. Henderson for Indigent Ministers' Fund as per voucher No. 3 25.00
 By cash raised by public collections and paid W. Wilkes, District Evangelist as per voucher No. 4..... 33.30
 By cash paid J. L. Wilkes, clerk of the Association to be applied to the various objects mentioned in the report of the Finance Committee of 1879 as per voucher No. 5..... 214.15

Aggregate..... \$299.00

JAS. K. ELLIOTT, Treasurer.

Report was adopted.

On motion of Elder J. J. D. Renfroe, the Clerk was allowed \$20.00 for his services and instructed to consume the balance of the minute fund in printing and distributing minutes.

Macedonia Church, St. Clair co., Ala., was selected as the place for the next meeting of the Association. Time, Saturday before the 3d Sunday in Sept., 1881, 11 A. M. Elder W. S. Griffin to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder L. Law, Alternate.

Elder W. Wilkes presented the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas every Christian enterprises depends for its highest success on spiritual devotion of its friends and this depends for widest exercise on the frequency of devotional intercourse among brethren; and whereas there is apparent among us a great need of something more adapted than are our annual business meeting to reach our whole brotherhood so as to fire their zeal and unify their sympathies in our great missionary and benevolent operations, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That this Association recommend the appointment of such meetings as shall look pre-eminently to the improvement of our spiritual graces throughout our entire membership.

2d. That these meetings shall be designated by the name of "The Union District Meetings of the Coosa River Association.

3d. That the time and place for such meetings in each District be indicated by the messengers to the Association from the District, no two Districts appointing the same time.

4th. That the churches in each District correspond with other District meetings by sending as many messengers, either male or female, as may manifest a willingness to attend.

5th. The exercises of these meetings shall consist of preaching, praying, singing and talking together on the glories and extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Preambles and resolutions were adopted.

On motion the meetings above provided for shall embrace the 5th Sundays and Saturdays before during the Associational year.

On motion of Bro. Jas. K. Elliott:

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to correspond with those churches not represented at this meeting and solicit their contributions and apply them as they may indicate.

2d. That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Fayetteville and vicinity for their kind and generous hospitality during our stay, and also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their commodious house of worship, also to the officers of the S. R. & D. R. R., for reduced fare.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion to adjourn, a hymn was sung, parting hand given, closing prayer offered by.

When the Coosa River Association adjourned to meet with Macedonia Baptist Church, St. Clair co., Alabama, on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1880.

ABNER WILLIAMS, Moderator.

LEALIS LAW, Clerk.

The committee on Devotion made the following arrangement for public worship:

Thursday night at Baptist Church.....	Elder Garrett.
Friday " " " "	Elder Quarles.
Saturday " " " "	Elder L. Law.
Sabbath, 11 A. M. " " " "	Elder J. J. D. Renfroe.
" 2 P. M. " " " "	Elder S. Henderson.
" 8 " " " "	Elder D. S. Duffie.
Saturday 2 " at Methodist Church.....	Elder A. W. McGaha and Elder W. S. Griffin.
Sabbath 11 A. M. " " " "	Elder W. Wilkes.
" 2 P. M. " " " "	Elder T. P. Gwin.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Miss'ns	Indian Miss'ns	Asso. Missions.	Ind. Ministers.	Minutes	Total	Remarks
Cold Water.....							3.00	3.00	
Sulphur Spri'gs.....	a5.00						b3.00	8.00	
Antioch.....							2.00	2.00	
Salem.....		7.75	7.75				3.00	18.50	
Oxford.....							5.00	5.00	
Jacksonville.....									
Mt. Zion (Calh'n.....							3.50	3.50	
Oak Bowery.....							2.00	2.00	
Cane Creek.....							1.60	1.60	
Munford.....	6.00						3.00	9.00	
Blue Eye.....			5.00				2.50	7.50	
Talladega.....							4.00	4.00	
Ferryville.....							c2.50	2.50	
Pleasant Grove.....	4.00						2.50	6.50	
Refuge.....							1.50	1.50	
Alpine.....							3.00	3.00	
Hephzibah.....							2.00	2.00	
Fort Williams.....					1.00		2.00	3.00	
Tallasahatchie.....							3.00	3.00	
Childersburg.....			5.00	5 00			3.00	13.00	
Sylacauga.....	2.00	3.35	3.00				3.00	11.35	
Rocky Mount.....							2.00	2.00	
Harpersville.....	3.00	4.50					4.00	11.50	
Spring Creek.....							2.00	2.00	
Macedonia.....							2.00	2.00	
Mount Sharon.....							2.00	2.00	
Coosa Valley.....							2.30	2.30	

Weavers St'tion.....						2.25	2.25	.....
Pilgrims' Rest.....						1.00	1.00	.....
Post Oak Spring.....						3.00	3.00	.....
Union.....						1.00	1.00	.....
Wilsonville.....					2.75		1.50	4.25
Jenkin's Fund*.....								.....
Shelving Rock.....						1.00	1.00	.....
Total.....	20.00	15.60	20.75	5.00	3.75	79.15		

Grand Total.....\$144.25.

\$10.90 received by others as marked in report.

*A letter received from Dr. Welch stating the interest not yet due nor collected, but that one-half of it will be in the Bank at Talladega next week, and the other half in two or three months.

Public collection for benefit of Bro. J. C. Nall.....\$15.75.

a. Amount received by J. J. D. Renfroe after adjournment of the Association.

b. Amount received by L. Law, Clerk, after adjournment of the Association.

c. Amount received by L. Law, Clerk, after adjournment of the Association.

Received from Hephzibah for State Missions (on pledge) \$ 10.00

Public collection for benefit of Bro. J. C. Nall..... 15.75

Making in all.....\$159.10

Amount of public collection for Bro. Giles..... 20.00

" " " " Ministerial Education 16.60

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. ODEN,
J. E. CAMP,
CHAS. MARTIN. } Committee.